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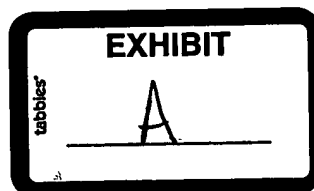
WHEREAS, the undersigned,

I, Don Wiley Smith, resident of 2107 Emerson Lane, Denton County, Texas 76209, citizen of the United States of America, having invented certain new and useful improvements in METHODS AND MIXTURES FOR TREATING DISTRESSED TREES, do hereby state that :

The auxin 3-indolebutyric acid also known as IBA is highly insoluble in water. It is soluble in ethanol or a 5% sodium hydroxide solution.

The auxin naphthalene acetic acid also known as NAA is highly insoluble in water. It is soluble in ethanol or a 5% sodium hydroxide solution.

In my experience using the auxins IBA and NAA, they oxidize rapidly at normal outdoor temperatures in the presence of air and light and the oxidation products of these products are not useful as auxins.



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If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this paper or the present application in general, the Examiner is invited to call the attorney for the undersigned, James J. Murphy at (214) 745-5374.

Inventor's signature:

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Before me, Barbara Coker, a notary public, on this day personally appeared Don W. Smith, known to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2007.

Barbara Coker  
Notary Public Signature

Barbara Coker  
Notary Public Printed Name

